CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Bdk004.mp4_thumbs_[2016.10.16_11.48.09].jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1601001.001
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	19 December 2016
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	19 December 2016

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The file comprises a number of thumbnail images taken from a video, and explicitly depicts a young teenage girl being engaged in sexual activity. The intended purpose of the publication to sexually arouse viewers with a prurient interest in young persons. It is also a record of the sexual exploitation of the girl. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the right to freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.